

REMARKS

The Examiner has made a species election in this application as set forth on page 2 of the August 7 Office Action.

Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the species **(b) after the last amino acid of the protein**. Claims 25 and 44-46 read on the elected species.

With regard to the Examiner's species election requirement, Applicants note that such a requirement is primarily, if not solely, intended to facilitate a search by the Examiner. Applicants note that the Examiner is obligated to examine the generic claims and submits that the scope of the claims of the present invention is not limited to the elected species.

Any questions or concerns regarding this response should be directed to the below-named agent at (303) 863-9700.

Respectfully submitted,

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